GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CATERING SERVICES OF INDIAN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether catering services for the Indian railways are proposed to be handed over to the Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation;

(b) if so, the parameters being adopted for awarding the contract for major static catering units and the pantry cars on long distance trains;

(c) the number of holdings which can be awarded to an individual contractor or a firm;

(d) whether the Government are aware that certain contractors and their associates are holding monopolies with hundreds of contracts under them; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to prevent monopolies in Railway Catering business?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b) Contracts are being awarded under a two-packet system which comprises a pre-qualifying technical criteria and financial bids.

(c) There is no ceiling limit to the number of holdings by a licensee at present.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.